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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with limited trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to ample; floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Breast items were in the longest position, particularly boneless skinless, with discounts noted. Dark meat was irregular, but available, and wings were balanced to short and moving seasonally well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 12-SEP-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	64.40	24
Chicago	67.00-70.00	69.81	39 :	70.37	74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	68.43	25
Denver	81.50	81.33	15 :	81.94	16
Detroit	68.00-70.00	71.20	10 :	72.88	49
Los Angeles	82.00	81.13	60 :	75.94	144
New York	72.00-75.00	72.91	22 :	72.62	48
Philadelphia	71.50-73.00	72.41	11 :	70.96	23
Pittsburgh	71.00-74.00	72.70	10 :	74.05	57
St. Louis	69.00-69.25	68.58	20 :	68.30	39
San Francisco	82.50	82.33	29 :	80.58	66

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/19/05	Change/Last Wk	09/12/05	09/20/04
565	73.14	-1.06	74.20	69.21

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	74.00-75.00	74.84	31
Central	57.00-77.00	72.07	69
Western	60.00-76.00	73.51	37

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-77.00	75.48	90
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,125	69.00-76.90	74.60

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.50	1,453
BREASTS - B/S	155.50	6,423
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50	1,518
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00	1,116
LEG QUARTERS	48.50	8,564
WINGS	97.00	3,131

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was slow and unaggressive following the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were available and competitively priced to stimulate additional buyer interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Balance of items were generally adequate for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Demand following the weekend was mostly light to moderate with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient as some plants ran over the weekend to compensate for downtime after Hurricane Katrina. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Wings were adequate to well cleared and moving seasonally well. Breast items were at least adequate with boneless skinless more available and often discounted. Dark meat was sufficient and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery mixed; regular commitments were at mainly unchanged prices and new negotiations unchanged to generally lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Heavy weights were in the longest position. Some sellers found it necessary to discounts in order to move excess product. Buying activity improved where promotions planned. Retailer demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 47-53, breast bone-in 95-106 and boneless 139-142, and wings 103-107. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 66.07 down 1.61 with the volume at 29 up 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices moved lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings plentiful on very light trade needs. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable. Offerings of wings and dark meat were light, remaining parts moderate to heavy. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and dark cuts, and weak on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow for early week business. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate with some product competitively priced in an effort to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 73 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to ample on B/S breast. However, wings were in the best position followed by thigh items. Balance of items were in close balance to fully sufficient for trade inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	67-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair as dealers cautiously assess market conditions following the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced; bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Drums were available; other dark meat cuts were fully sufficient for current needs. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for boneless skinless breast. Balance of items were steady to about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	143.29	490,420
TENDERLOINS	150	144.58	166,580
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	94.56	50,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	85.63	94,160
LEGS	64-65	64.61	288,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	48.01	218,760
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	60.18	102,160
THIGHS	61-62	63.62	65,880
B/S THIGHS	135-136	125.82	102,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	99.71	222,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	5,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	44.38	12,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	70.12	10,800

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,536	123.00-149.00	130-141	137.84
TENDERLOINS	242	130.00-186.00	-	142.09
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	253	59.00-94.00	-	63.38
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	950	45.00-46.00	-	45.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,730	44.00-47.00	44-46	45.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,248	41.00-59.00	-	56.74

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	09/19	09/15	09/15	09/12	09/08
Alabama	4,120	4,087	5.31	4,015	5.36
Arkansas	5,396	5,287	5.22	5,320	5.35
Delmarva	2,288	2,250	5.50	2,274	5.54
KY-LA-TN	2,055	2,282	5.05	2,374	5.17
Mississippi	2,994	3,089	5.91	3,608	5.80
North Carolina	2,553	2,529	6.43	2,476	6.57
Texas	2,510	2,573	5.13	2,521	5.00
Total	21,916	22,097	5.47	22,588	5.51
Mon	21,916(A)			22,588(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Sep 2005 is estimated to be 32,789,000 down 3.27 percent from a week ago and up 4.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,896,000 last year 31,307,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	404	115.00-202.00	-	136.28
TENDERLOINS	215	145.00-188.00	146-148	150.23
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	86.00-93.00	87-88	88.32
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	581	44.00-47.00	46	45.98
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,070	45.00-49.00	47-48	47.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	88.00-99.00	90-92	92.69
WINGS (CUT)	365	110.00-116.00	112-115	114.38
DRUMSTICKS	96	49.00-72.00	-	51.70

THIGHS TOO FEW TO REPORT

B/S THIGHS TOO FEW TO REPORT

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.00 - 53.50	51.66	53.33

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 19-23-SEP-2005.

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	116.00 - 166.00	135.00 - 146.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 108.00	82.00 - 89.00
LEGS	63.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45.00 - 55.00	46.00 - 48.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	47.00 - 56.00	47.00 - 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	48.00 - 63.00	-
THIGHS	56.00 - 65.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	94.00 - 110.00	95.00 - 99.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.75-104.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	95.25-107.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-112
	DRY PACK 111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93-95
	DRY PACK 95-105
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2005				
<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u>		PRICES		VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.50	20.00-23.00	545,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.50	21.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	16.00-22.00	1,316,000	676,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.38	18.25		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	16.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2005				
<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u>		PRICES		VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	23.00	142,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		23.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-25.00	14.00-23.00	1,500,400	648,800
WTD AVERAGE	21.74	18.90		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-SEP-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16	12-14	13.25
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-SEP-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25	12-13.75	12.99

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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